

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims:

The claims have been amended as shown above by canceling claims 30-52 and by adding claims 53-69. Support for the new claims is found in the previous claims and throughout the specification, including the drawings.

Specifically, support for claims 53-69 is found at least in claims 1-52. Further support for claims 53-69 is found at least in the specification at page 5, line 7 through page 7, line 11. Additional support for claims 64, 66, 68, and 69 is found at least in the specification at page 7, line 12 through page 12, line 15.

No new matter has been added by way of the new claims.

Claim Objections:

Claims 35 and 36 have been objected to because an error in punctuation. Specifically, a semicolon instead of a period appears at the end of claim 35.

Because claims 35 and 36 have been canceled, the objections to those claims are now moot.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 30, 31, 38-40, 45, and 46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,499,180 B1 to Johnson et al.

Claims 30-32, 35, 38, 40, 41, 44-47, and 50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,928,345 to Meltzer et al.

Because claims 30-32, 35, 38-40, 41, 44-47, and 50 have been canceled, the rejections of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) are now moot.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, 48, 49, 51, and 52 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,928,345 to Meltzer et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,791,010 to Brady et al.

Because claims 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, 48, 49, 51, and 52 have been canceled, the rejections of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are now moot.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-signed attorney if the Examiner believes this will facilitate prosecution toward allowance of the claims.

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